

26 August 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Suggested Appearance of General Cabell before the  
Senate Internal Security Subcommittee

1. On this date I visited Jay Sourwine, counsel for the Senate Judiciary Internal Security Subcommittee. I left with him some material which he had previously requested and took advantage of this opportunity to draw him out further on his conversation with Mr. [redacted] on 24 August 1959. At that time Sourwine referred to General Cabell's address to the National Security Commission - Committee meetings of the American Legion in Minneapolis on 21 August. He expressed particular interest in General Cabell's remarks on the subject of Communism in Latin America.

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2. I advised Mr. Sourwine that while General Cabell wished to cooperate with the Subcommittee it would be desirable if we could determine specifically the subject or subjects on which the Subcommittee might desire General Cabell to speak. In this way he could determine whether in his opinion an appearance by him would be helpful to this group. Sourwine was asked whether he thought it might be desirable to have the Chairman of the Subcommittee write the Deputy Director a note specifying his areas of interest. Sourwine advised against this saying he thought it would be desirable to talk about the subject a little more before anything was put in writing. He said he might visit with General Cabell to discuss the matter or they might get together for lunch. [redacted]

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[redacted] Sourwine added that if [redacted] felt that General Cabell could speak on subjects of interest to the Subcommittee (being quite familiar with the Subcommittee's areas of interest) he would accept [redacted] judgment on this matter and would arrange a time for the appearance. Otherwise, he would be glad to talk further about it as indicated. I advised Mr. Sourwine that I

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3. In winding up our conversation, Sourwine indicated that on several occasions he had been asked for an unclassified statement as to the Agency's mission and asked if there were any such document. I advised him that in my opinion the best statement of this sort was contained in the National Security Act of 1947 (P.L. 80-253, Section 102d). I told him that I would see that he received a copy. I also mentioned Harry Howe Ransom's book, Central Intelligence and National Security, as being a good book of its sort. Mr. Sourwine expressed interest in it.



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